

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A method of managing consumer goods used in an analyzer, comprising the steps of:

~~monitoring consumption status of consumer goods consumed by an analyzer and receiving the information on consumption status;~~

~~analyzing the consumption status of consumer goods used in an analyzer according to consumer goods supplier and according to consumer goods that said consumer goods suppliers deal in; and~~

recording consumption information on consumer goods used in the analyzer;

sorting said consumption information of said consumer goods according to consumer goods supplier; and

transmitting the ~~analyzed consumer goods consumption status or supply management information based on said consumer goods consumption status~~ sorted consumption information to a management unit for the analyzer or consumer goods suppliers' supply management units.

2. (Currently amended) A method of managing consumer goods used in an analyzer, comprising the steps of:

~~monitoring consumption status of consumer goods consumed~~

~~by an analyzer and receiving the information on consumption status;~~

~~analyzing the consumption status of consumer goods used in an analyzer according to consumer goods supplier and according to consumer goods that said consumer goods suppliers deal in; and~~

recording consumption information on consumer goods used in the analyzer;

sorting said consumption information of said consumer goods according to consumer goods supplier; and

~~transmitting the analyzed consumer goods consumption status or supply management information based on said consumer goods consumption status~~ sorted consumption information to a supply management unit for a consumer goods vendor that intermediates between a management unit for the analyzer and consumer goods suppliers.

3. (Canceled).

4. (Currently amended) A method of managing consumer goods used in an analyzer, comprising the steps of:

~~monitoring consumption status of consumer goods consumed by an analyzer and transmitting the monitoring results;~~

~~receiving the consumption status information;~~
~~analyzing the consumption status of consumer goods used~~
~~in an analyzer according to consumer goods supplier and~~
~~according to consumer goods that said consumer goods suppliers~~
~~deal in;~~

recording consumption information on consumer goods used
in the analyzer;

sorting said consumption information of said consumer
goods according to consumer goods supplier;

transmitting the ~~analyzed consumer goods consumption~~
~~status~~ sorted consumption information and supply management
information to a management unit for the analyzer, consumer
goods suppliers' supply management units or a consumer goods
vendor's supply management unit;

confirming supply status based on the consumer goods
supply management information; and

requesting payment from an analyzer administrator,
consumer goods suppliers or a consumer goods vendor in
consideration of use of the information based on said ~~step~~
~~that monitors consumer goods consumption status and said step~~
~~that analyzes the consumer goods consumption status~~ sorted
consumption information.

5. (Currently amended) A method of managing ~~reagent~~
reagents used in an analyzer, comprising the steps of:

~~monitoring consumption status of reagent consumed by an
analyzer and receiving the information on consumption status;~~

~~analyzing the consumption status of reagent used in an
analyzer according to reagent supplier and according to
reagent that said reagent suppliers deal in; and~~

recording consumption information on reagents used in the
analyzer;

sorting said consumption information of said reagents
according to reagent supplier; and

~~transmitting the analyzed reagent consumption status or
supply management information based on said reagent
consumption status~~ sorted consumption information to a
management unit for the analyzer or reagent suppliers' supply
management units.

6. (Currently amended) A method of managing ~~reagent~~
reagents used in an analyzer, comprising the steps of:

~~monitoring consumption status of reagent consumed by an
analyzer and receiving the information on consumption status;~~

~~analyzing the consumption status of reagent used in an
analyzer according to reagent supplier and according to~~

~~reagent that said reagent suppliers deal in; and~~

recording consumption information on reagents used in the analyzer;

sorting said consumption information of said reagents according to reagent supplier; and

~~transmitting the analyzed reagent consumption status or supply management information based on said reagent consumption status~~ sorted consumption information to a supply management unit for a ~~consumer goods~~ reagent vendor that intermediates between a management unit for the analyzer and reagent suppliers.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently amended) A method of managing reagent reagents used in an analyzer, comprising the steps of:

~~monitoring consumption status of reagent consumed by an analyzer and transmitting the monitoring results;~~

~~receiving the consumption status information;~~

~~analyzing the consumption status of reagent used in an analyzer according to reagent supplier and according to reagent that said reagent suppliers deal in;~~

recording consumption information on reagents used in the

analyzer;

sorting said consumption information of said reagents
according to reagent supplier;

~~transmitting the analyzed reagent consumption status~~
sorted consumption information and supply management
information to a management unit for the analyzer, reagent
suppliers' supply management units or a reagent vendor's
supply management unit;

confirming supply status based on the reagent supply
management information; and

requesting payment from an analyzer administrator,
reagent suppliers or a reagent vendor in consideration of use
of the information based on said ~~step that monitors reagent~~
~~consumption status and said step that analyzes the reagent~~
~~consumption status~~ sorted consumption information.

9. (Currently amended) An apparatus for managing
consumer goods used in an analyzer, comprising:

~~means for monitoring consumption status of consumer goods~~
~~consumed by an analyzer and receiving the information on~~
~~consumption status;~~

~~means for analyzing the consumption status of consumer~~
~~goods used in an analyzer according to consumer goods supplier~~

~~and according to consumer goods that said consumer goods suppliers deal in; and~~

means for recording consumption information on consumer goods used in the analyzer;

means for sorting said consumption information of said consumer goods according to consumer goods supplier; and

means for transmitting the analyzed ~~consumer goods consumption status or supply management information based on said consumer goods consumption status~~ sorted consumption information to a management unit for the analyzer or consumer goods suppliers' supply management units.

10. (Currently amended) An apparatus for managing consumer goods used in an analyzer, comprising:

~~means for monitoring consumption status of consumer goods consumed by an analyzer and receiving the information on consumption status;~~

~~means for analyzing the consumption status of consumer goods used in an analyzer according to consumer goods supplier and according to consumer goods that said consumer goods suppliers deal in; and~~

means for recording consumption information on consumer goods used in the analyzer;

means for sorting said consumption information of said consumer goods according to consumer goods supplier; and

means for transmitting the ~~analyzed consumer goods consumption status or supply management information based on said consumer goods consumption status~~ sorted consumption information to a supply management unit for a consumer goods vendor that intermediates between a management unit for the analyzer and consumer goods suppliers.

11. (Canceled).

12. (Currently amended) An apparatus for managing consumer goods used in an analyzer, comprising:

~~means for monitoring consumption status of consumer goods consumed by an analyzer and transmitting the monitoring results;~~

~~means for receiving the consumption status information;~~

~~means for analyzing the consumption status of consumer goods used in an analyzer according to consumer goods supplier and according to consumer goods that said consumer goods suppliers deal in;~~

means for recording consumption information on consumer goods used in the analyzer;

means for sorting said consumption information of said consumer goods according to consumer goods supplier;

means for transmitting the ~~analyzed consumer goods consumption status~~ sorted consumption information and supply management information to a management unit for the analyzer, consumer goods suppliers' supply management units or a consumer goods vendor's supply management unit;

means for confirming supply status based on the consumer goods supply management information; and

means for requesting payment from an analyzer administrator, consumer goods suppliers or a consumer goods vendor in consideration of use of the information based on ~~said step that monitors consumer goods consumption status and said step that analyzes the consumer goods consumption status~~ sorted consumption information.

13. (New) A method of managing consumer goods used in an analyzer as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of analyzing the consumption status of consumer goods used in the analyzer according to consumer goods supplier and according to consumer goods supplied thereby.

14. (New) A method of managing consumer goods used in an analyzer as claimed in claim 2, further comprising the step of analyzing the consumption status of consumer goods used in the analyzer according to consumer goods supplier and according to consumer goods supplied thereby.

15. (New) A method of managing consumer goods used in an analyzer as claimed in claim 4, further comprising the step of analyzing the consumption status of consumer goods used in the analyzer according to consumer goods supplier and according to consumer goods supplied thereby.

16. (New) A method of managing reagents used in an analyzer as claimed in claim 5, further comprising the step of analyzing the consumption status of reagents used in the analyzer according to reagent supplier and according to reagents supplied thereby.

17. (New) A method of managing reagents used in an analyzer as claimed in claim 6, further comprising the step of analyzing the consumption status of reagents used in the analyzer according to reagent supplier and according to reagents supplied thereby.

18. (New) A method of managing reagents used in an analyzer as claimed in claim 8, further comprising the step of analyzing the consumption status of reagents used in the analyzer according to reagent supplier and according to reagents supplied thereby.

19. (New) A method of managing consumer goods used in an analyzer as claimed in claim 9, further comprising the step of analyzing the consumption status of consumer goods used in the analyzer according to consumer goods supplier and according to consumer goods supplied thereby.

20. (New) A method of managing consumer goods used in an analyzer as claimed in claim 10, further comprising the step of analyzing the consumption status of consumer goods used in the analyzer according to consumer goods supplier and according to consumer goods supplied thereby.

21. (New) A method of managing consumer goods used in an analyzer as claimed in claim 12, further comprising the step of analyzing the consumption status of consumer goods used in the analyzer according to consumer goods supplier and according to consumer goods supplied thereby.